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EFFECTIVE KEYHOLE COVERAGE OF THE SOVIET RAIL NETWORK

Summary

Sixty percent of the contiguous broad-gauge rail line in the Soviet Union has been covered by KEYHOLE photography that is sufficiently interpretable



A statistical summary of effective KEYHOLE coverage of the Soviet rail network is given below. Individual missions are listed chronologically (most recent to oldest) to provide information according to age of coverage. The percentages in the table represent cumulative totals of net coverage (coverage not superseded by a more recent mission). Thus, 31.6 percent of the total rail network of the USSR is covered by photography that is less than 6 months old and 42.6 percent of the rail network in the Best Suited Area has been covered within the last 6 months.

Discussion

(Several of the concepts employed in this paper have been fully defined in previous reports. A definition of Best Suited Area appears in NIE 11-8/1-61, and a discussion of the method used to determine the total contiguous broad-gauge rail line mileage with which the percentages are calculated appears in TCS-10457/61-KH. The same report also contains a full description of what constitutes "effective" coverage.

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